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1. AT APRIL 3 CCD PLENARY JAPAN GAVE ONLY FORMAL
STATEMENT. PRESENTING PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF FACILI-
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ADVOCATED EARLIER BY CANADA AND ROMANIA, JAPANESE

REP NISIBORI PROPOSED THAT THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF COMMITTEE'S 1975 SUMMER SESSION BE DEVOTED FULLY TO CONSIDERATION OF ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, PURSUANT TO UNGA RES 3261 D. THIS "CONCENTRATED STUDY OF SPECIFIC ITEM OR GIVEN SHORT PERIOD", ACCORDING TO NISIBORI, WOULD SURELY FACILITATE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS REQUIRED FOR SUCH DELIBERATIONS. JAPANESE REP SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS WISHING TO PLACE OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON RECORD COULD DO SO AT REGULAR MEETING OR MEETINGS DURING THE AGREED WEEK, BUT ADDED THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS WERE ADVISABLE DURING SAME PERIOD IN INTEREST OF FREER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. INDIAN REP MISHRA PROMPTLY RAISED TWOFOLD OBJECTION:
(A) THAT OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF UNGA RES 3261 D CALLED FOR CCD TO TAKE UP AND REPORT ON ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNE ONLY IN BROADER CONTEXT OF PREPARING COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN;
(B) "EXPERTS" REFERRED TO BY NISIBORI WERE NOT REQUIRED TO CONSIDER PNE FACET OF CTB QUESTION, ALTHOUGH INDIA WOULD NOT OBJECT IF EXPERTS WERE "CTB EXPERTS."

3. IN ENSUING BRISK EXCHANGE, NISIBORI EXPRESSED "ASTONISHMENT" AT INDIAN ATTITUDE, STATING THAT RES 3261 D HAD EXPLICITLY ASKED CCD TO TAKE UP PNE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS AND OBSERVING THAT BY REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCESS INDIA WOULD DEPRIVE ITSELF OF "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" TO EXPLAIN ITS VIEWS ON QUESTION THAT HAD GAINED IMPORTANCE ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF 1974 INDIAN TEST EXPLOSION. MISHRA REMARKED THAT JAPANESE STATEMENT SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT PNE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS HAD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN CTB.

4. AMB. MARTIN (US) INTERVENED TO EXPRESS US DEL'S VIEWS ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THIS ISSUE. MARTIN CITED CCD PRECEDENT WHEREBY REQUEST BY ANY MEMBER FOR INFORMAL MEETING ON GIVEN SUBJECT WAS GRANTED AS MATTER OF RIGHT. US, HE ADDED, WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL MEETINGS DEVOTED TO PNE QUESTION. CANADIAN REP BARTON SUPPORTED US PROCEDURAL POINT AND SAID CANADA, CONFIDENTIAL

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TOO, WOULD EXPECT TO TAKE PART IN ALL MEETINGS ON PNE. HE AGREED WITH MISHRA THAT PNE QUESTION WAS ASPECT OF BROADER CTB ISSUE, BUT OBSERVED THAT CCD HAD CONSIDERED DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CTB BEFORE AND SAID COMMITTEE SHOULD SEEK TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WHEREVER THIS MIGHT SEEM POSSIBLE.

5. MISHRA CITED UNGA RES 3257, REQUESTING CCD TO GIVE

HIGHEST PRIORITY TO CONCLUSION OF CTB, AND ARGUED THAT JAPANESE PROPOSAL WOULD INSTEAD GIVE SUCH PRIORITY ONLY TO RESTRICTED, "DIVERSIONARY" ASPECT OF CTB BY DEVOTING WHOLE WEEK OF CCD'S WORK TO PNE. COMMITTEE, HE MAINTAINED, NEEDED TO REGAIN ITS SENSE OF PROPORTION. BARTON REJOINTED THAT PURSUING JAPANESE PROPOSAL WOULD IN NO WAY SIGNIFY DROPPING PRIORITY FOR CTB; COMMITTEE, HE SAID, WAS SIMPLY EXPLORING VARIOUS WAYS TO PROCEED IN DIRECTION OF ULTIMATE CTB GOAL.

6. MISHRA REPLIED THAT INDIA WOULD GLADLY TAKE PART IN FORMAL MEETINGS IN CTB CONTEXT, BUT IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. MARTIN FOLLOWING PLENARY HE INDICATED HE WOULD BLOCK ANY CONSENSUS ON A CCD "DECISION" TO DEVOTE WEEK OF SUMMER SESSION TO PNE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS AS DESIRED BY JAPANESE. WE THEREFORE PLAN TO SEEK CO-CHAIRMAN'S AGREEMENT TO ANNOUNCE INFORMAL MEETING ON PNE FOR JULY AND TO SUGGEST CO-CHAIRMEN MERELY TAKE NOTE THAT SOME DELS WISH TO DEVOTE FULL WEEK OF SUMMER SESSION TO PNE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS.

7. NEXT CCD PLENARY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 8. DALE

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